

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

On pages 3-4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected the claims under 35 U.S.C 102(a) as being anticipated by Neag et al. (U.S. Patent 6,536,069).

The Examiner indicated that claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has rewritten all independent claims to include the limitation of claim 7 and to put them in condition for allowance. Applicant believes that all pending claims are neither anticipated by nor obvious in view of Neag et al. and should be allowed.

In this regard, Neag et al. discloses a vehicle wiper system is provided including a cross-vehicle shaft that drives a pair of actuation mechanisms for driving a pair of wiper assemblies. The actuation mechanisms each include a crank, a connecting rod and a lever arm, whereby the connecting rod operably interconnects the crank and lever arm. The lever arm is fixed for rotation with a wiper post, which is in turn fixed to the wiper assembly. The actuation mechanism drives reciprocal rotation of the wiper post, thereby driving reciprocal sweeping motion of the wiper assemblies. The cross-vehicle shaft is driven by a motor that is controlled by a controller.

In contrast, Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to Applicant's independent claims, each of which recite that the passenger side wiper shaft is driven via a transmission rod which is indirectly connected to the motor by a driver-side or at least one crank. The claims further recite that the driver-side or at least one crank has a fixed end that is fixed to wiper shaft at a free end, with a line of projection extending from the fixed end outward through the free end. The driver-side or at least one crank and the line of projection in each position during its movement of the driver-side or at least one crank is oriented from the shaft in a direction toward a vehicle's center. It appears that the driver-side or at least one crank in Neag et al. does not extend along a line of projection that is toward the vehicle's center.

For all the foregoing reasons and in view of the independent claims as now presented, Applicant believes that these claims are neither anticipated by nor obvious in view of the cited reference.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1287. Applicant hereby provides a general request for any extension of time which may be required at any time during the prosecution of the application. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any fees which have not been previously paid for by check and which are required during the prosecution of this application to Deposit Account No. 50-1287.


Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned via telephone with any questions or comments regarding this case.

**APPLICANT RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS AN INTERVIEW WITH THE EXAMINER IF THIS AMENDMENT DOES NOT PLACE THIS CASE IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.**

Reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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